GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVES OF COAL BED METHANE GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the reserves of coal bed Methane Gas has been explored in Bihar;

(b) if so, the total quantity of Gas likely to be available in the said reserve;

(c) whether the Government have decided to formulate a project based on this gas;

(d) if so, the outline thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e) : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has drilled four wells in the Jharia basin of Bihar for exploration of Coal Bed Methane (CBM). Besides two blocks in Bihar have been identified for exploration and exploitation of CBM. The preparation for invitation of bids in accordance with CBM policy has not been completed. The CBM reserve base can be known only after exploration and commercial viability of utilisation of such reserves can be decided only thereafter.